

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee recommends the
2 following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

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7 A bill to be entitled
8 An act relating to recreational licenses and permits;
9 amending s. 372.57, F.S.; providing for a military gold
10 sportsman's license; providing for an annual fee;
11 providing authorizations allowed under license; providing
12 eligibility requirements; amending ss. 372.5712, 372.5715,
13 and 372.573, F.S.; providing for uses of specified pro
14 rata portions of revenue generated from the military gold
15 sportsman's license; amending s. 372.661, F.S.; exempting
16 patrons of licensed hunting preserves from the license and
17 permit requirements of the military gold sportsman's
18 license while hunting on the licensed preserve property;
19 providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (4) of
24 section 372.57, Florida Statutes, to read:

25 372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
26 numbers; fees established.--

27 (4) RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The licenses
28 and fees for residents participating in hunting and fishing
29 activities in this state are as follows:

30 (j) Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50. The
31 gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is
32 issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game,
33 subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations,
34 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of
35 taking. Other authorized activities include activities
36 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun
37 permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, an archery
38 permit, a snook permit, and a crawfish permit. Any resident who
39 is an active or retired member of the United States Armed
40 Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the National
41 Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast
42 Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the military gold
43 sportsman's license upon submission of a current military
44 identification card.

45 Section 2. Section 372.5712, Florida Statutes, is amended
46 to read:

47 372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--

48 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
49 from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in s.
50 372.57(8)(a) or that pro rata portion of any license that

51 includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as provided in s.
 52 372.57(4)(h), ~~and (i)~~, and (j) and (9)(a)3. as follows: A
 53 maximum of 5 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for
 54 administrative costs; a maximum of 25 percent of the gross
 55 revenues shall be expended for waterfowl research approved by
 56 the commission; and a maximum of 70 percent of the gross
 57 revenues shall be expended for projects approved by the
 58 commission, in consultation with the Waterfowl Advisory Council,
 59 for the purpose of protecting and propagating migratory
 60 waterfowl and for the development, restoration, maintenance, and
 61 preservation of wetlands within the state.

62 (2) The intent of this section is to expand waterfowl
 63 research and management and increase waterfowl populations in
 64 the state without detracting from other programs. The commission
 65 shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of funds
 66 generated under the provisions of this section, to be submitted
 67 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
 68 and the President of the Senate on or before September 1 of each
 69 year.

70 Section 3. Section 372.5715, Florida Statutes, is amended
 71 to read:

72 372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.--

73 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
 74 from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s.
 75 372.57(8)(b) or that pro rata portion of any license that
 76 includes turkey hunting privileges as provided for in s.
 77 372.57(4)(h), ~~and (i)~~, and (j) for research and management of
 78 wild turkeys.

79 (2) The intent of this section is to expand wild turkey
80 research and management and to increase wild turkey populations
81 in the state without detracting from other programs. The
82 commission shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of
83 funds generated under the provisions of this section, to be
84 submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
85 Representatives, and the President of the Senate on or before
86 September 1 of each year.

87 Section 4. Section 372.573, Florida Statutes, is amended
88 to read:

89 372.573 Management area permit revenues.--The commission
90 shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of the
91 management area permit as provided for in s. 372.57(8)(h) or
92 that pro rata portion of any license that includes management
93 area privileges as provided for in s. 372.57(4)(h), ~~and (i)~~, and
94 (j) for the lease, management, and protection of lands for
95 public hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

96 Section 5. Section 372.661, Florida Statutes, is amended
97 to read:

98 372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees;
99 exception.--

100 (1) Any person who operates a private hunting preserve
101 commercially or otherwise shall be required to pay a license fee
102 of \$70 for each such preserve; provided, however, that during
103 the open season established for wild game of any species a
104 private individual may take artificially propagated game of such
105 species up to the bag limit prescribed for the particular
106 species without being required to pay the license fee required

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107 | by this section; provided further that if any such individual
108 | shall charge a fee for taking such game she or he shall be
109 | required to pay the license fee required by this section and to
110 | comply with the rules of the commission relative to the
111 | operation of private hunting preserves.

112 | (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall
113 | exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and permit
114 | requirements of s. 372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), ~~and (i)~~, and
115 | (j); (5)(f) and (g); (8)(a), (b), (e), and (f); (9)(a)2.; (11);
116 | and (12) while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall
117 | be \$500. Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be
118 | available only to those private hunting preserves licensed
119 | pursuant to this section which are operated exclusively for
120 | commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for which
121 | a uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting privileges.

122 | Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.